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Similarities Between Islam and Christianity

Arabic Recitation:

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Al-Qur'an 3:64

Al-Qur'an 20:25-28

Greet you in the same manner as Jesus (pbuh) greeted in Hebrew

Luke 24:36

'Sholam alay kum'

or Islamic greeting in Arabic 'Assalaamu alai kum'

both meaning 'Peace be on you'.

Similarities / Similar Teachings in the Qur'an and the Bible which Muslims follow but Christians don't

I INTRODUCTION

1. ISLAM

1. A. Meaning of Islam
 - ✓ (i) Root word 'salam' meaning peace.
 - (ii) Submission to the will of Allah i.e. God Almighty.
- B. Meaning of 'Muslim' – One who submits his will to Allah.
- C. Islam is not a new religion found by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

2. MESSENGERS IN ISLAM

- A.
 - (i) To every nation was sent a guide or a Messenger
Al-Qur'an 35:24
Al-Qur'an 13:7
 - (ii) Names of Prophets
 - (iii) Islam is the only non-Christian faith that believes in Jesus (pbuh)
 - (iv) Stories only of some prophets mentioned in Qur'an
Al-Qur'an 4:164
Al-Qur'an 40:78
 - (v) More than 1,24,000 messengers according to Hadith

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- B.
- (i) Previous Messengers were only sent for their people and nation and their complete message was meant only for a particular time period.
 - (ii) Moses (pbuh) was only sent for the Jews.
 - (iii) Jesus (pbuh) sent only for the Jews i.e. Lost sheep of Israel.
Al-Qur'an 3:49
Mathew 10:5-6
Mathew 15:24
 - (iv) Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) last and final Messenger for the whole of mankind.
Al-Qur'an 33:40
Al-Qur'an 21:107
Al-Qur'an 34:28
Sahih Bukhari Vol. 1 Book of Salaah Chapter 56 Hadith No. 429
 - (v) Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) prophesised in the Bible.
Al-Qur'an 7:157
Al-Qur'an 61:6
John 16:7
John 16:12-14
Deuteronomy 18:18
Song of Solomon 5:16

3. REVELATIONS OF GOD

- A. Several revelations sent by Allah. By name four are mentioned in the Qur'an.
- B.
- (i) The Qur'an is the last and final revelation.
 - (ii) The Qur'an was revealed for the whole of mankind
Al-Qur'an 14:52
Al-Qur'an 2:185
Al-Qur'an 39:41

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II PILLARS OF ISLAM:

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1. TAUHEED: MONOTHEISM

- A. La ilaha ilallahu, Muhammad-ur-Rasoolallah
Sahih Bukhari Vol. 1 Hadith No. 7
- B. Believe in Allah and the last day, and the angels and the book and the Messengers.
Al-Qur'an 2:177
- C. Come to common terms — worship of one God
Al-Qur'an 3:64
- D. Concept of God
Al-Qur'an 112:1-4
Deuteronomy 6:4
Mark 12:29
- E. Shirk – biggest sin
Al-Qur'an 4:48
Al-Qur'an 4:116
Exodus 20:2-5
Deuteronomy 5:7-9
- F. Jesus (pbuh) not God. He never claimed divinity
Al-Qur'an 5:72
John 14:28
John 10:29
Mathew 12:28
Luke 11:20
John 5:30
- G. 99 attributes of Almighty God
Al-Qur'an 17:110
- H. Prefer using name 'Allah' rather than the word 'God' as the word 'God' can be played around with.
Allah in the Bible – Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani
Mark 15:34
Mathew 27:46

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2. SALAAH

- A. Not merely prayers but programming
Al-Qur'an 5:90
Al-Qur'an 2:188
- B. Prayers restrain you from shameful and unjust deeds
Al-Qur'an 29:45
- C. Salaah timings – for healthy soul five times a day
Al-Qur'an 17:78
Al-Qur'an 20:130
- D. Take off shoes before entering mosque.
 - (i) Commandment of Allah to Moses
Al-Qur'an 20:11-12
Exodus 3:5
Acts 7:33
 - (ii) Can Pray with Shoes.
Sunan Abu Dawood – Vol. 1, Book of Salaah, Chapter 240,
Hadith No. 652-653.
 - (iii) Hygienic
- E. Ablution
 - (i) Al-Qur'an 5:6
Exodus 40:31-32
Acts 21:26
 - (ii) Hygienic
 - (iii) Mental Preparation
- F. Stand shoulder to shoulder, while praying –
Sahih Bukhari – Vol. 1, Book of Adhan Chapter 75 Hadith no. 692
Abu Dawood – Vol. 1, Book of Salaah Chapter 245 Hadith No. 666.
- G. Sujud – Prostration
 - (i) To humble your mind, humble your body
 - (ii) Sujud mentioned 92 times in the Qur'an
Al-Qur'an 3:43
Al-Qur'an 22:77
 - (iii) Prostration in the Bible
Genesis 17:3; Numbers 20:6
Joshua 5:14; Mathew 26:39

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3. ZAKAH

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- A. Meaning: Purification and growth
- B. Description: 2.5% of saving every lunar year
Al-Qur'an 9:60
- C. If every human being gives Zakah, not a single person will die of hunger.
- D. "Wealth does not circulate only amongst the wealthy and the rich"
Al-Qur'an 59:7
- E. I Peter 4:8

4. SAUM - FASTING

- A. Description – one lunar month i.e. during the month of Ramadaan every lunar year, Muslims fast, i.e. abstain from food and drinks from sunrise till sunset.
- B. Benefits: learn self restraint. If you can control your hunger you can control almost all your desires. It enhances spiritual awareness.
Al-Qur'an 2:183
- C. Medical benefits:
 - (a) Increases absorption capacity of intestines
 - (b) Lowers cholesterol.
- D. Discourages smoking, alcoholism and other addictions.
- E. Bible prescribes fasting
Mathew:17:21
Mark:9:29

5. HAJJ

- A. Description – pilgrimage atleast once in life time if you can afford it
- B. Universal Brotherhood – 2.5 million people from all over the world gather, wear two pieces of unsewn cloth, preferably white in colour. Cannot differentiate between rich and poor.
Al-Qur'an 49:13
- C. Significance of Kaaba – Muslims don't worship it
Psalms 84:4-7

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III ISLAM IS A COMPLETE WAY OF LIFE

These five pillars do not constitute complete Islam. Only if the pillars are strong, will the structure be strong.

- A. Jinn and man created for worship of Allah
Al-Qur'an 51:56
- B. Meaning of Ibadaah – root word 'Abd' meaning 'slave'.
- C. Abstaining from alcohol
Al-Qur'an 5:90
Proverbs 20:1
Ephesians 5:18
- D. Abstaining from prohibited food
Al-Qur'an 5:5
 - (i) Dead meat
Leviticus 17:15
Deuteronomy 14:21
 - (ii) Blood
Leviticus 17:14, Genesis 9:4, Deuteronomy 12:16,
I Samuel 14:33, Acts 15:29
 - (i) Pork is prohibited
Al-Qur'an 2:173, Al-Qur'an 5:3, Al-Qur'an 6:145, Al-Qur'an 16:115
Leviticus 11:7-8
Deuteronomy 14:8
Isaiah 65:2-5
 - (ii) Food on which names beside Allah have been invoked
Acts 15:29; Revelation 2:14
- C. (i) Being honest in your business
(ii) Helping neighbour
Al-Qur'an 107:1-7
(iii) Abstaining from backbiting
Al-Qur'an 104:1-3
Al-Qur'an 49:11-12

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- (iv) Obeying and respecting parents
Al-Qur'an 17:23, 24
 - (v) Loving, being kind and just to your wife
Al-Qur'an 4:19
 - (vi) Abstaining from adultery
Al-Qur'an 17:32
 - (vii) Celibacy or Monasticism is prohibited in Islam
Sahih Bukhari: Vol. 7 Book of Nikah, Chapter No. 3, Hadith No. 4
- D. Dressing Modestly
Al-Qur'an 24:30, 31
Mathew 5:27-28
six criteria for hijab in Islam
Deuteronomy 22:5
I Timothy 2:9 e.g. of Mary
I Corinthians 11:5-6
- E. Circumcision
John 7:22
Acts 17:1
Luke 2:21
- F. In short, every Muslim should follow all the commandments of Allah and his messenger Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and abstain from the things they have prohibited.

CONCLUSION

- (a) Christian is a person who follows the teachings of Christ (pbuh) and not one who worships Christ (pbuh). (We are more Christian than the Christians).
- (b) Muslim is a person who submits his will to Allah.
Jesus (pbuh) said, "not my will but thy will be done." i.e. Muslim.
John 5:30
- (c) Al-Qur'an 5:82

